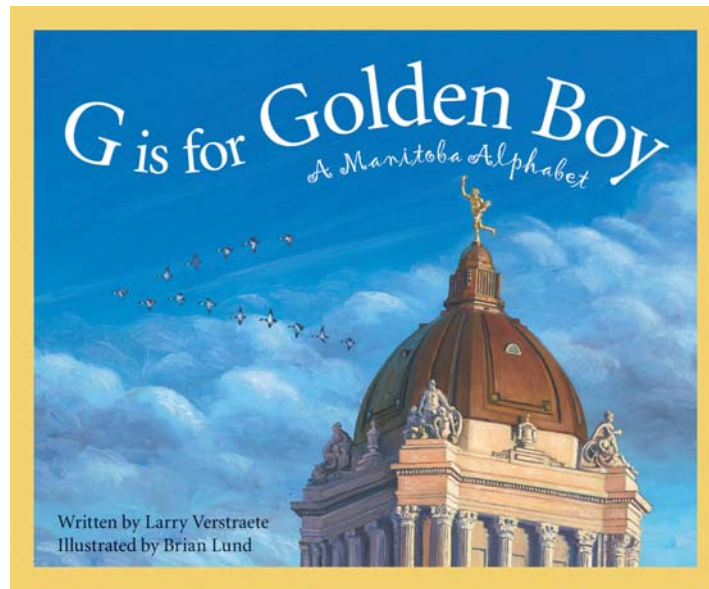# Teacher's Guide

G is for Golden Boy
A Manitoba Alphabet

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MANITOBA'S FAMOUS FOLKS

Who are the people who helped to make Manitoba the wonderful province that it is today? You can learn about some of these people in the book *G is for Golden Boy*. After you've read the book match the people in the box with the reason they are famous.

Ella Cora Hind   **Cindy Klassen**   **Leo Clarke**

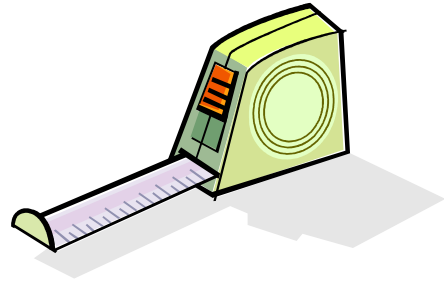**Larry Verstraete**   **Louis Riel**

Jackson Beardy

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1. _____ painted mythical figures

2. _____ the Father of Manitoba

3. _____ Olympic speed skater

4. _____ the author of *G is for Golden Boy*

5._____ fought for equal rights for women

6. _____ awarded the Victoria Cross

Which of these famous folks do you most admire? _____
Explain why you chose that person _____
_____
_____
_____

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METRIC MATH

Canada uses the metric system as its standard for measuring.

Centimeters are used to measure small objects.
100 centimeters equal 1 meter.
Meters measure large objects.
1,000 meters equal 1 kilometer.
Kilometers measure long distances.

Choose the best unit of metric measurement for each of the following.

1. The length of your little finger _____

2. The distance you live from school _____

3. The distance across the Atlantic Ocean _____

4. Your height _____

5. The length of your bicycle _____

6. The distance from your left ear to your right ear _____

7. The length of a soccer field _____

8. The length of your pencil _____

9. The distance from your classroom to the lunchroom _____

10. The distance between Manitoba and Nova Scotia _____

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ALPHABETIZE

You will learn about the province of Manitoba when you read the book *G is for Golden Boy*. Do you know how many provinces and territories there are in Canada? There are thirteen!

Use the word box to help you put the list below in alphabetical order.

Nunavut	**British Columbia**	**Manitoba**
Alberta	**Saskatchewan**	**Ontario**
Quebec	**Newfoundland**	**New Brunswick**
Nova Scotia		**Yukon Territory**
Prince Edward Island		**Northwest Territory**

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____

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THE GEOGRAPHY OF MANITOBA

Discover the uniqueness of Manitoba as you read the book *G is for Golden Boy*. Use the book and a map to help you answer the questions below.

1. Name the province directly east of Manitoba _____

2. Name the province directly west of Manitoba _____

3. Name the province north of Manitoba _____

4. Name the country south of Manitoba _____

5. Name the ocean west of Manitoba _____

6. Name the ocean east of Manitoba _____

7. Name the capital of Manitoba _____

8. Total number of provinces in Canada _____

9. Name the territories in Canada _____

10. Name the newest province _____

Write three additional facts about Manitoba.

1._____

2. _____

3. _____

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CROSSWORD

Each of the answers needed to complete this crossword can be found in the book *G is for Golden Boy*.

1. **M** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
2. **A** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
3. **N** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
4. **I** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
5. **T** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
6. **O** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
7. **B** ___ ___ ___ ___
8. **A** ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

1. What formed West Hawk Lake _____

2. People in your family who lived before you are your _____

3. First _____ people

4. Birds like to eat _____

5. _____ Mountain is the oldest occupied region of Manitoba

6. Cindy Klassen won six _____ medals

7. An animal on the Manitoba flag _____

8. Name the lake that once covered part of Manitoba _____

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Find the Complete Sentences

There are many wonderful new places to learn about in *G is for Golden Boy*. The author makes sure he uses complete sentences as he writes.

A complete sentence needs a noun and a verb and a complete thought.

Circle each complete sentence below.

1. Using flowing black lines

2. Children enjoy swimming in Lake Winnipeg

3. Outside of Iceland

4. The snakes formed a mating ball

5. Manitoba is a province of Canada

6. The largest Coca-Cola can

7. The oldest occupied region of the province

8. The Peace Garden is a symbol of friendship

9. Traffic between the two forts was brisk

10. I enjoyed reading *G is for Golden Boy*

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All about polar bears!

Polar bears are fascinating animals. Learn why they make a stop in Manitoba on their way north in the book *G is for Golden Boy*.

Answer the questions below.

1. What color are polar bears? _____

2. What are the polar bears waiting for when they visit Churchill, Manitoba?
   _____

3. Name the city that has the title "Polar Bear Capital of the World."
   _____

4. What is the primary source of food for polar bears? _____

5. Are the polar bears endangered? _____

Write 3 ways that we can help the polar bears.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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WHO AM I ?

Read the book *G is for Golden Boy* and you will find the answer to the question at the top of the page. Read carefully and use the clues below to help you.

1. I have rows of conical teeth.

2. I am a reptile.

3. I have paddle-shaped fins.

4. I swim very fast.

5. I have a double-hinged jaw.

6. My fossils have been found in Manitoba.

I am a _____

Draw a picture of me.

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BE AN ANSWER DETECTIVE

All of the answers needed to complete these questions can be found throughout the book *G is for Golden Boy*. You may have to do some real detective work to find the answers. Good hunting!

1. How many geese are on the cover of the book? _____

2. Name the three largest lakes in Manitoba. _____

3. Name Manitoba's provincial tree. _____

4. In which war did the three men from Pine Street in Winnipeg serve? _____

5. Turtle Mountain straddles the border between Manitoba and which U.S. state? _____

6. Tyndall Stone is made up of which type of stone? _____

7. Who was Manipogo? _____

8. What is the Cree meaning of *manitou?* _____

9. Where was the "Golden Boy" made? _____

10. Who is the illustrator of *G is for Golden Boy*?

Make up two hard questions about the book. Give them to a friend to answer.

1._____

2. _____

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MATH AVERAGING

Find an average by adding up two or more numbers and then dividing by the quantity of numbers you added.

Example- add 7 + 23 + 9 = 39   39/3= 13
The average is 13

Find the average for each problem.

1. 17 + 29 + 41 =
   average _____

2. 98 + 246 =
    average _____

3. 25 + 34 + 40 =
    average _____

4. 37 + 17 + 18 + 28 =
    average _____

5. 60 + 20 + 50 + 30 =
    average _____

6. John scored 3 goals in one soccer game. He scored 1 goal the next time he played and 5 in the final game he played. What was John's average score?
    _____

Design a Costume

Discover the beautiful province of Manitoba in the book *G is for Golden Boy*. You will learn the history and the geography of Manitoba. Pay special attention to the part on the costume design museum.

Pretend you have been hired to design a costume that best represents life in Manitoba. Maybe your design could someday earn a spot in the Costume Museum. Use the space below to do a rough sketch of your design. On a separate piece of paper draw a final product.

Explain how your costume represents Manitoba. _____
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HOW WOULD IT FEEL?

You will learn many facts about Manitoba in the book *G is for Golden Boy*. Enjoy learning about this fascinating province. Use the information you've learned to answer these questions.

Answer in complete sentences.

1. Describe how it would feel to be a crocus in the early spring in Manitoba.
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_____

2. Describe how it would feel to be a bird landing on Delta Marsh for the first time.
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_____

3. Describe how it would feel to find a fossil of a Manosaur.
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4. Describe how it would feel to be the "Golden Boy."
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5. Describe how it would feel to communicate with a Beluga whale.
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OUR GIANT TOWN

Manitoba is one of the thirteen provinces and territories in Canada. Each province is unique and special. Read about the Outdoor Art on the O page of *G is for Golden Boy*.

Think about what makes your town special. Design a LARGE piece of artwork to symbolize your town. Use the area below for your ideas and sketches. Do your final piece on a large poster board.

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A DAY AT THE BEACH
SURVEY AND GRAPH

Manitoba is the land of 100,000 lakes. That's a lot of water! Think about all of the activities you can do and the fun you can have at a lake.

Survey 25 students and find which of the following activities is his or her favorite to do at a lake.
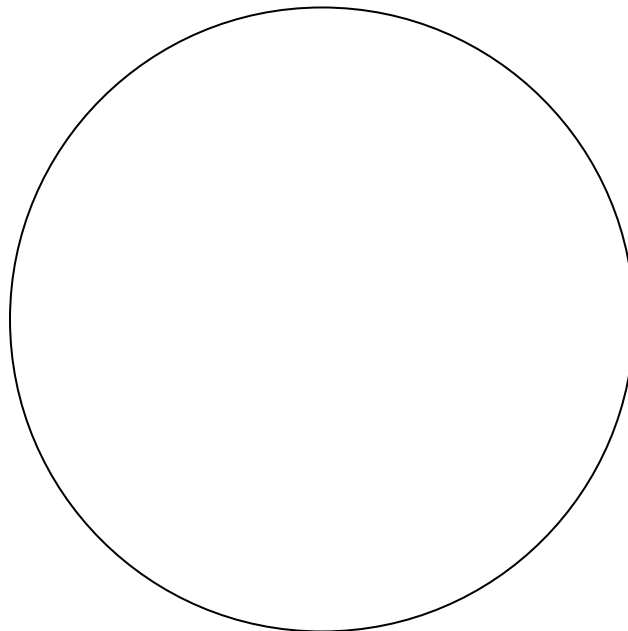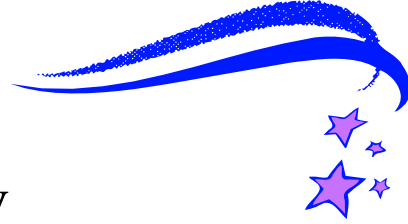
Swimming   **Fishing**   **Boating**   **Playing in the Sand**

Use the data you collected to make a circle graph showing the results. Remember a circle graph shows percents.

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A Tale of Kitchie Manitou

Who is Kitchie Manitou? Learn about this great spirit on the K page of *G is for Golden Boy*.

A legend is a story handed down through generations. Write your own legend about Kitchie Manitou.

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Illustrate a scene from your legend.
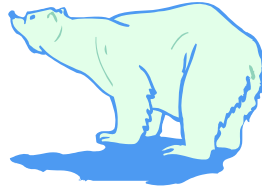
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THE DAY I MET THE MOSASAUR!

Imagine yourself living back in prehistoric times. You live near the area that is now Manitoba. One day you went out on the lake in a boat, suddenly you hear a lot of splashing and there before your eyes is a Mosasaur!

Write the story of your adventure.

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Draw a picture of the most exciting thing that happened that day.

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The Polar Bears Arrive!
Newspaper Article

Read about the polar bears and the time they spend in Manitoba, in the book *G is for Golden Boy*.

Pretend you've just been hired by a newspaper to report on the arrival of the polar bears. Use the graphic organizer to help you write your article.
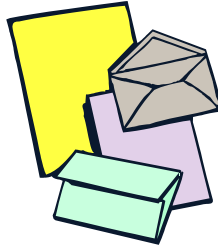
WHO _____
WHAT _____
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WHERE _____
WHEN _____
WHY _____
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HOW _____
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Give your article a title that will make people want to read it.

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A Letter to Louis Riel

Discover the story of Louis Riel on the R page of *G is for Golden Boy*. Carefully think about his story.

Write a letter to Louis Riel giving him your opinion of his leading two rebellions. Was this good or bad? Why?

Dear Mr. Riel,

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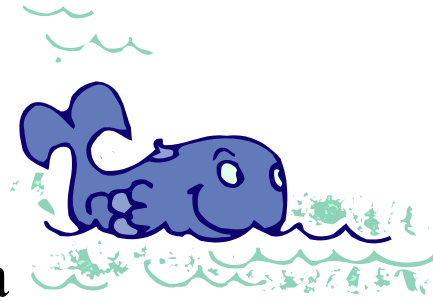Sincerely,

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PAINTINGS TELL A STORY

What would you do if you were sent to live at a school far away from home? Jackson Beardy had that experience when he was only 7 years old. He stayed close to his family through his paintings.

Pretend you are far away from home and draw a picture of a family experience you enjoyed in the past.

Write a few sentences explaining why this experience was special.

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Poetry of the Beluga

Discover the many ways Beluga whales communicate in the book *G is for Golden Boy*. Imagine their communication as poetry of the ocean.

A shape poem uses its shape to tell what the poem is about. To make a whale poem lightly sketch the shape of a whale. Then use words to go around the outline of your whale that describe the beluga and its song. Be creative and have fun!

Next try a shape poem describing you!

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Mighty Manitoba Trail Mix

Enjoy this easy to make and yummy to eat recipe.

Ingredients

3 cups thin pretzel sticks
1 ½ cups Corn Chex cereal
½ cup raisins
½ cup M & Ms
½ cup unsalted peanuts
12 ounces white chocolate (chips or bar)

Directions

1. In a large bowl mix all the ingredients **except** white chocolate.
2. Melt the chocolate and pour over the mix, stirring gently.
3. Scoop onto waxed paper and let cool at least 20 minutes.
4. Break into bite-size pieces and enjoy!

Write a 4 line rap about winter.

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Silly syllables

G is for Golden Boy is a super book that tells you many stories about Manitoba in Canada. Enjoy reading this special book.

Practice counting syllables in words.
Write the number of syllables next to each word below.

1. golden _____

2. boy _____

3. Manitoba _____

4. Winnipeg _____

5. alphabet _____

6. whale _____

7. marsh _____

8. migration _____

9. organization _____

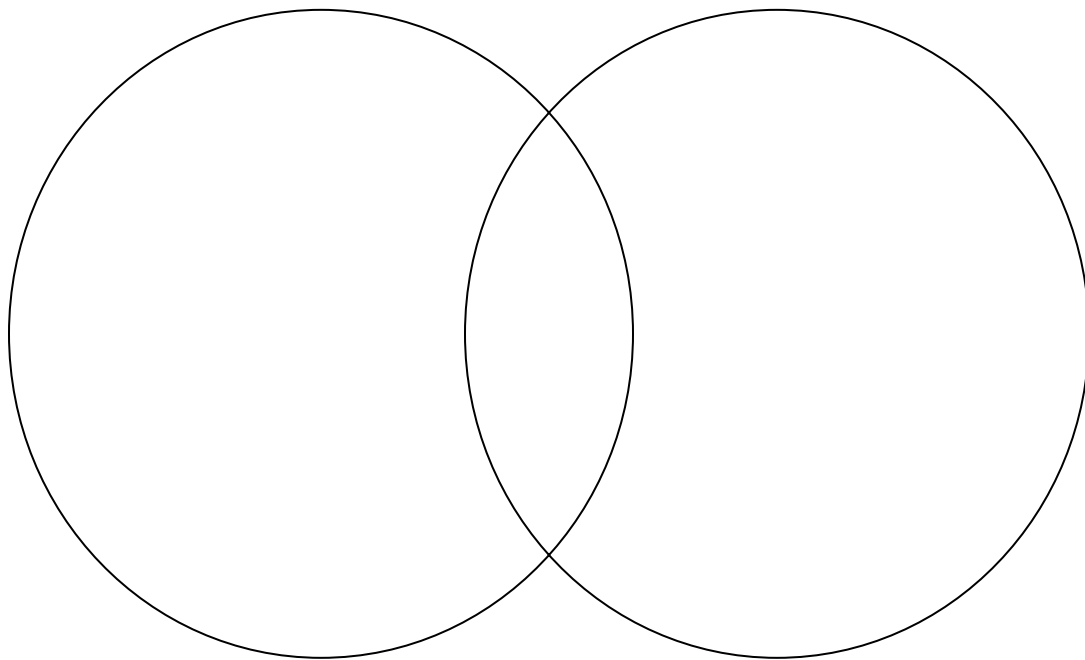10. merge _____

11. community _____

12. Canada _____

Write a sentence using at least 3 of the words from the list above.

_____

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POLAR BEARS AND WHALES

VENN DIAGRAM

Discover some of the characteristics that whales and polar bears have in common in the book *G is for Golden Boy*.

Make a Venn diagram showing how the whale and the polar bear are different and how they are alike.

Whale   both   Polar Bear

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Answer Sheet

Famous Folks- 1) Jackson Beardy 2) Louis Riel   3) Cindy Klassen   4) Larry Verstraete   5) Ella Cora Hind   6) Leo Clarke

Metric Math- 1) cm   2) km   3) km   4) m   5) m   6) cm   7) m   8) cm   9) m   10) km

Alphabetize the Provinces- 1) Alberta   2) British Columbia   3) Manitoba   4) New Brunswick   5) Newfoundland   6) Northwest Territories   7) Nova Scotia   8) Nunavut   9) Ontario   10) Prince Edward Island   11) Quebec   12) Saskatchewan   13) Yukon Territory

Geography of Manitoba- 1) Ontario   2) Saskatchewan   3) Northwest Territories   4) United States   5) Pacific   6) Atlantic   7) Winnipeg   8) 13   9) Yukon, Northwest Territories 10) Nunavat

Crossword- 1) meteorite   2) ancestors   3) Nations   4) insects   5) Turtle   6) Olympic   7) bison   8) Agassiz

Find the Complete Sentences- 2,4,5,8,9,10

All About the Polar Bear- 1) white   2) ice to freeze in Hudson Bay   3) Churchill   4) seals   5) yes

Who Am I?- Mosasaur

Answer Detective- 1) 14   2) Manitoba, Winnipeg, Winnipegosis   3) white spruce   4) World War I   5) North Dakota   6) limestone   7) serpent   8) Great Spirit   9) Paris   10) Brian Lund

Math Averaging- 1) 29   2) 172   3) 33   4) 25   5) 40   6) 3

Silly Syllables- 1) 2   2) 1   3) 4   4) 3   5) 3   6) 1   7) 1   8) 3   9) 5   10) 1   11) 4   12) 3